

Steps to TNLIP Assistance

1. Contact TNLIP Coordinator or submit a completed *Phase 1 Application - Information*
2. TNLIP personnel will recommend further program guidance and schedule a site visit to your property.
3. TNLIP personnel will visit your property, assess habitats, and recommend management techniques.
4. *Phase 2 Application – Management Plan* is completed and submitted. ***TNLIP will provide free technical assistance and write your plan to ensure management best addresses program criteria.***
5. The TNLIP review committee will rank projects based on program criteria and select the most environmentally beneficial projects for funding. Unfunded projects can be resubmitted in future grant cycles.
6. Approved projects will have final management plans, budgets, and timelines determined and projects implemented.



Program information, descriptions, and applications can be located by following the Wildlife Habitat or Conservation Program links at www.state.tn.us/twra or contacting the TNLIP Coordinator (615-837-6008) or the TWRA Wildlife Division (615-781-6610).

Please submit all application materials or written inquiries to:

**Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency
Wildlife Division, TNLIP
P.O. Box 40747
Nashville, TN 37204**

NOTE: While State employees and/or their spouses can receive free technical assistance from TWRA through TNLIP, Tennessee State Law prohibits them from receiving any direct or indirect payments.

Money received through TNLIP is considered taxable income by the IRS. Consult a tax advisor regarding your tax situation.

TENNESSEE LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TNLIP)

Assisting private landowners with property improvements to protect, restore, or enhance habitats for Tennessee's rare species



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TNLIP Overview

Tennessee is home to over 1400 species of wildlife but habitat alterations have negatively impacted many of them. The Tennessee



Landowner Incentive Program (TNLIP) is a TWRA Wildlife Division program that provides private landowners with technical and financial assistance to protect, enhance, or improve habitats for rare species through grant money provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Because more than 90% of land in Tennessee is privately owned, the TNLIP is designed to assist private landowners in managing rare species habitats. TNLIP is a cost-share program, so landowners can receive at least 75% of total habitat improvement costs.



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Many of Tennessee's rare species are found in or near the State's many rivers and streams and TNLIP, consequently, is concentrating restoration and protection assistance to the many watersheds across the state. However, rare species can also be found in areas like barrens, grasslands, caves, or other unique habitats and landowners with these rare habitats are part of the TNLIP plan too.



Helping All Wildlife

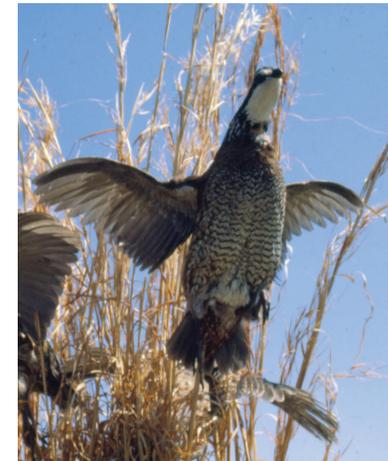
Since Tennessee has such biological diversity, TNLIP has many techniques to assist landowners from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Mississippi River. Expected projects will likely include, but are not limited to, fencing, stream bank stabilization, erosion control, buffer strips, conversion to native grass, and invasive plant species control. The final product will benefit the rare species but will also have many secondary benefits. Landowners can get assistance with erosion control, exotic plant invasions, or other means to enhance their property. As a result of habitat improvements a variety of associated fish and wildlife species will benefit from the projects.

So rare species habitats can be protected and the by-product of this work will be improved land quality, sustainability, and fish and wildlife habitat.



Getting Involved

The program allows a great deal of freedom in choosing projects and costs that fit the landowner's needs. In addition, the landowner's portion of the cost share can



include in-kind services, so materials, labor, or equipment provided by the landowner can lower or eliminate out-of-pocket expenses.

If you are interested in learning more about TNLIP or other private lands assistance programs, contact:

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or
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